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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This correspondence is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed August 27, 2003, the period of response for which runs through September 27, 2003 (a Saturday).

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

Group I. Claims 1-7, and 28, drawn to a method, classified in class 451, subclass 54.

Group II. Claims 8-27, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 451, subclass 69.

In addition, the Examiner identified the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species 1 - slitting then lapping the tape

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Species 2 - lapping then slitting the tape

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In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group II (Claims 8-27) without traverse. Please withdraw claims 1-7 and 28.

In response to the Election requirement, Applicants hereby elect Species 1, without traverse. Applicants submit that claims 8-26 are readable on Species 1.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 09-0069. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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1. Response to Election Requirement with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission (2 pages)

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